OLD ENGLAND.

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Noſcitur ex ſocio qui non dignoſcitur ex ſe. JUV.

To SELIM SLIM.

EXCELLENT SIR,

I SELDOM make my Appearance unleſs it be to pay my Compliments to you, as you are become the Object of every aſpiring Pen and the great *Mæcenas* of the Age. It is to your Patronage we are indebted for thoſe elaborate Diſcourſes in Politics, which have not long ſince been uſhered into the World under the reſpectable Title of the *Jacobite Journal*, for *humorizing* Diſaffection out of the Land. You find, Sir, by the Title I give you, that I am not unmindful of the Term of Honour which the ſagacious Author of that elegant Paper taught us to prefix to your Name. If the Public had been worthy of the weekly Inſtruction, convey'd to us by that courtly *Journal*, it might probably have held out near another Half-Year: But we are now left to deplore the Loſs of it, in the Language of every good Woman who has buried a fine promiſing Child, *It was too wiſe to live.* It is to you, Sir, that we likewiſe owe the celebrated Production of the ſame *ingenious* Brain, which goes under the Caharacter of *Tom Jones*, and is ſaid to be calculated to amuſe and *laugh* us into Virtue; and wherein the delicate Author tells us, or rather you, (for it is in the Dedication) he has employed all the *Wit and Humour* he was Maſter of. What a valuable Treatiſe muſt that be which contains all the Wit and Humour of ſuch a maſterly Pen! That Pen, tho' ſo often damned upon the Stage by a Set of Critics, who we are told are the very * *Affectation of Affectation*, yet flouriſhes luxuriantly under your Protection at *Whitehall* and the *Treaſury!*

As you are told to your Face, in one Place in the Dedication, that "It is owing to you the Hiſtory of our *Filius Populi* was begun and firſt thought of:" And in another Place, that, "Without your Aſſiſtance it had never been perfected:" And, in a third Place, that, "It is owing to you the Hiſtory appears what it now is." I ſay, Sir, after having been ſo often told, I ſuppoſe in private as well as thus in Public, the ſame Thing in various Phraſes and Turns, it is much you ſhould be "Conſtant in your Refuſal to let him prefix your Name to this ſame good Work:" Eſpecially, as it appears, from what he has mentioned, to be a Work not only adorned with all his own *Wit and Humour*, but with all your's too. No Wonder then he ſhould inſiſt on his Right to your Protection in the firſt Paragraph of his Dedication, in Contradiction to "your Deſires which (as he mentions in the Second) are in the Nature of Commands to him." But perhaps a *conſtant Refuſal* to ſuffer a Thing to be done, may not amount to a *Deſire* in a negative Way.

While he beats the Buſh for a Reaſon to account for "your Objection to allow him the Honour he ſollicited for," he ſeems to exult on his hitting the Nail on the Head; that it is becauſe "you have ſo warmly commended his Book." But not contented with that Objection he ſtrikes out another for you: "Your Diſlike to public Praiſe and Unwillingneſs to hear your Virtues mentioned;" for it ſeems it is neceſſary a Dedication ſhould be a little interlarded with Praiſe. Now, Sir, if the Deſign, Manner and Diſpoſition of this ſame long Dedication were not concerted between you and him, and that the Reluctance, imputed to you for Praiſe, is not feigned to ſave your Bluſhes, it muſt be allowed, the *Juſtice* banters you moſt egregiouſly. To praiſe for eight or ten Pages Length in the moſt fulſome Manner, and then to ſay, "He dares not praiſe," is not a little extraordinary in my Way of Thinking. To deſire you to "pardon what he has ſaid not only *without* your Conſent but abſolutely *againſt* it, ſhews in the ſtrongeſt Light how much "your Deſires are in the Nature of Commands" with him.

He ſays, he finds "it neceſſary to remind you there are certain Actions, which you are apt to be extremely forgetful of." I think it is no great Inſtance of Politeneſs in the *Juſtice* to obtrude a Remembrance upon a Gentleman he is not deſirous to retain, for in Charity we ought to believe no good Chriſtian would willingly forget a virtuous Action, as being taught by the Goſpel to do Good, we ought to retain a pious Remembrance of our Obedience to the holy Precept. He muſt therefore mean ſome Tranſaction not founded in Virtue, and what can that be but a late Deſertion from *Leiceſter-Fields* to *St. James's*, and the irkſome Reflection that muſt attend the abrupt quitting a kind Maſter to aſſociate with his Enemies. He ſays you

Do Good by Stealth, and bluſh to find it Fame.

But what he means by this I can't divine, unleſs it is your ſtealing an Author from the Common, who has been ſo often preſented at the Court of *Parnaſſus* for a Nuſance, and damned among all the Retailers of the Muſes on this Side *Helicon*; inſomuch, that he could meet with no Patron out of *Gruhſtreet*, 'till "you gave *Exiſtence* to him for great Part of the Time he was compoſing the Labours of ſome Years of his Life;" which do him and you ſo much Honour!

Not only the Dedication, but common Fame is full of the warm Commendations you have given of the aforementioned *Romance*, You have run up and down the Town, and made Viſits, and wrote Letters merely for that Purpoſe. You puffed it up ſo ſucceſsfully about Court, and among Placemen and Penſioners, that, having catched it from you, they thought it incumbent upon them to echo it about the Coffeehouſes; inſomuch, that all the Women laboured under the Burthen of Expectation, 'till it was midwived into the World by your all-auſpicious Hand, and proclaimed by them to be the goodeſt Book that was ever read.

While it was yet in Embrio, or rather, after it was licked up into *Wit* and *Humour*, and diſhed finely up in Lavender, your Zanies puffed and blew it up ſo into Fame, among his old Maſters the Bookſellers, that they begun to lament their Want of Diſcernment touching the Value of the *precious Jewel*, which, like the Cock in the Fable, they had deſpiſed and caſt away on the very Dunghill they found it in. But, by the Care of yourſelf and Brother Deſerter, *Two of the beſt and worthieſt who are ſtrongly and zealouſly his Friends*, (yclept the Poet and the Orator!) he has been ſo improved and poliſhed, as to exhibit finer Luſtres than ever blazed from the great Diamond, which founded the Family of one of his ſaid Two *beſt and worthieſt* Friends. Lo! the Effects of the Public Treaſury and Pay-Office!—However, the unſizable Price which was ſaid to be had, by the Means of theſe *Puffings*, for the *MS*, was ſo very improbable that it met with no Manner of Credit, 'till it was reconciled by a *Wit* of the Trade; who ſaid, that the wily Purchaſer, having made no Scruple to contract with the Author to give ſo large a Price as 600 *l.* for his Manuſcript, bought up as many of his ſtraggling Debts at 1 *s.* in the Pound as amounted to the Purchaſe-Money to give in Diſcharge of his Contract. Tho' others ſay, that this Scheme was invented by the Author himſelf, and purſued with his Conſent, as a kind of Salvo for your Conſcience in *puffing* up the Merits of the Piece.

But however that be, the Public have greedily catched at it, and, like the Hungry, who have been fed with Whip-Sillabub only where they expected a plentiful Feaſt, are baulked in their Expectations and become quite diſſatisfied with the airy Banquet. This Simile puts me in Mind of our romantic Author's Bill of Fare with which he ſets out in his Hiſtory, and ſubjects him to the Imputation of a *gluttonous Diſpoſition* among thoſe who are unacquainted with the laudable *Parſimony* and *Abſtinence* he obſerves in eating; for a Glutton, drawing always his Ideas from thoſe Paſſions which are moſt prevalent in him, is ſaid to delight in nothing more, if we except the Act of Eating itſelf, than in talking or writing of luſcious Feaſts, and the charming Extravagance of elegant Diſhes. Like an old Letcher, who ſupplies the Abſence of Ability for Action, by filthy Repetition of his paſt Debaucheries.

Who undertakes to write ought to be well verſed in ſuch Arts and Sciences as may be requiſite to conduct him thro' the Subject he is engaged in. Hiſtory requires a good Knowledge, as well in Geography, the Situation of Countries, the Intereſt and Connexion of Nations, as in the Manners, Characters and Diſpoſitions of People. The *Juſtice* affects to call his aforeſaid *Labours of ſome Years of his Life*, an Hiſtory. But whether we conſider him as an Hiſtoriographer or Biographer of *Tom Jones*'s particular Life, I doubt we ſhall find him deficient in either Caſe. The Performance is beneath the Dignity of regular Criticiſm; ſo, leaving many a Slip and many a Blunder to the Obſervation of every attentive Reader, it ſhall ſuffice us at preſent to point out one ſingle Specimen only of his great Skill in *Chorography* to public View, which can in no wiſe be imputed to a Lapſe; for, on the contrary, it carries along with it indiſputable Marks of Ignorance. Our Author ſays, that "Mr. *Allworthy*'s Gothic Seat ſtood on the *South-Eaſt* Side of a Hill, ſhelfered from the *North-Eaſt* by a Grove of Oaks; and from a Lake at the Foot of the Hill, iſſued a River that for ſeveral Miles *was ſeen* to meander thro' Meadows and Woods, 'till it emptied itſelf into *the Sea*, with a large Arm of which, and an *Iſland* beyond it, the *Proſpect* was cloſed." To reconcile this Deſcription with Probability will be the Difficulty; for, unlucky for our Author, the Counties of *Devon* and *Dorſet* ſtretch out between *Somerſetſhire* and the Sea; and, if we place this Seat in the *North-Weſt* Part of that Shire, the Hills of *De-*

* *See the Compliment paid to the Gentlemen of the* Temple *in* Joſeph Andrews.

our will intercept the View to the Sea: And if we ſhould imagine the Scite to be in the *South Eaſt* Part of that County, then *Dorſetſhire* interferes, with an Extent of Ground of no leſs than 30 Miles acroſs to *Portland*, which, if the Author means any thing, muſt be the Iſland that terminates the Proſpect. A moſt extenſive Ken indeed! and ſhews the accurate Author endued with more than a *ſecond ſighted* Mind.

The *Juſtice* aſſerts, there is "nothing in his Hiſtory prejudicial to the Cauſe of Religion, or inconſiſtent with the Rules of Decency, or that can offend the chaſteſt Eye." In Anſwer to the two laſt Parts of this modeſt Aſſertion, I would only recommend to you the Contemplation the Figure which Mrs. *Waters* made in her Diſhabille at the Inn, and the Manner ſhe revelled away the Night in the Embraces of her Gallant. Add to this the ludicrous Attitude of the naked Philoſopher *Square*, in the Hole beſide *Moll Seagrim*'s Bed. And if theſe two Inſtances are not ſufficient to convince, I will preſent you with a third, in *Moll*'s own dainty Appearance, when ſhe preſented herſelf in her ſweetly-larded Smock, with a Pitchfork in her Hand, before the Hero of the Hiſtory; and how theſe two innocent Lovers employed themſelves among the Fern. Chaſte Ideas theſe! in no wiſe inconſiſtent with our Author's Rules of Decency! But why the Pitchfork? I doubt it is as little conducive, in her Hand, to the Hiſtory, as *Toby*'s nameleſs Dog was at *Toby*'s Heel.

That this motely Hiſtory of Baſtardiſm, Fornication and Adultery, is highly prejudicial to the Cauſe of Religion, in ſeveral Parts of it, is apparent in the groſs Ridicule and and Abuſe which are wantonly thrown on religious Characters. Who reviles the Clergy may be well ſaid to be upon the very Threſhold of Immorality and Irreligion. A Contempt inculcated of the firſt brings on the laſt of Courſe. The Character of *Thwackum* is drawn out in the moſt odious Colours that can poſſibly raiſe Deteſtation in the Mind of the Reader; and *Supple* is painted in the contemptible Light of an inſignificant formal Fool. Is this, Sir, "the ſincere Endeavours of your Author in recommending Goodneſs and Innocence?" Or, is the marrying of a Reverend Clergyman to a common Harlot his Way of *rewarding* Virtue? It is amazing, Sir, you ſhould venture on commending a Book ſo truly profligate, of ſuch evil Tendency, and offenſive to every chaſte Reader, ſo diſcouraging to Virtue and detrimental to Religion! Is this the Hiſtory that owes it's Beginning to you? that, without your Aſſiſtance, could not be perfected? that it is owing to you, it appears what it now is? *&c. &c.* You, Sir! who ſo lately combated with Infidelity, and took upon you the Defence of a capital Apoſtle againſt the Imputation of Enthuſiaſm and Impoſture! You, Sir! who, labouring in the Vineyard, gained a Reputation for Sanctity of Manners and unaffected Piety! Can you, after all this, apoſtatiſe, ſit in the Scorner's Seat, and countenance the looſe, the diſſolute, the ludicrous Pens of Impiety!——Well may you be aſhamed of ſeeing your Name at the Head of ſuch a Piece of ſatirical Buffoonry againſt the Clergy, and immodeſt Repreſentations againſt Chaſtity!—— But I run too great a Length for the preſent.——

S I R,

Your humble Servant,

ARETINE.

LONDON.

The Inſtallation of his Royal Highneſs Prince George, who laſt Wedneſday entered into his 12th Year, and the other three Knights of the moſt noble Order of the Garter, is fixed for the 29th of June, in St. George's Chapel at Windſor, Preparations being about for that Purpoſe.

The Right Hon. the Houſe of Peers have appointed the Right Rev. Father in God, Dr. Edward Creſſet, Lord Biſhop of Landaff, to preach before them in Weſtminſter Abbey on Monday next.

And the Hon. Houſe of Commons have appointed the Rev. Mr. Fuller, their Chaplain, to preach before them on the ſame Day at St. Margaret's, Weſtminſter.

Wedneſday Morning the Right Hon. Sir Wm Calvert, Knt Lord Mayor of this City, with the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and their Ladies, attended by the City Officers, went to the Bird in Hand at Stratford near Bow, and held a Court of Conſervancy for the County of Eſſex: After which they went to the Iſle of Dogs, and croſs'd the Water to Blackheath near Greenwich, where a Court of Conſervancy was held for the County of Kent, and an elegant cold Entertainment was provided on that Occaſion.

Wedneſday was held a Court of Common-Council at Guildhall, when Joſeph Pickering, Eſq; was admitted to alienate the Place of Comptroller of the Bridge-Houſe; having ſold the ſame to Peter Roberts, jun. Son of Peter Roberts, Eſq; Common-Crier of the City of London.

The Hall-Keeper's Place of this City is diſpoſed of for 5000l. late in the Poſſeſſion of Nathaniel Collyer, Eſq;

Sunday Morning ſailed from Spithead, and at Night were out of Sight, ſeven Tranſports, having the Families on Board going for Nova Scotia, under Convoy of the Albany Sloop of War.

Wedneſday Morning ſeveral Tranſports ſailed from the River from Portſmouth, to receive on board the Troops and Stores deſtined for Nova Scotia.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to promote Col. Brudenell, to be Major to his Grace the Duke of Montagu's Horſe.

Capt. Abraham Murray is appointed a Captain in the Royal Scots. And

Capt. Baird a Captain in the Regiment of Col. Cornwallis.

Tueſday Dr. Cox reſigned his Place of Phyſician to the Middleſex Infirmary for Sick and Lame, and Lying-in Women, in Tottenham-Court-Road.

Monday Lord Beauclerc, Sir Peter Warren, Sir Edward Hawke, Savage Moyſtyn, Eſq; and Capt. Pratton, were admitted Brothers of the Trinity Houſe.

The Commiſſioners of Weſtminſter-Bridge have given the Ground in Bridge-ſtreet, facing the Bear, on the South Side of Mancheſter Court, for making a free Market, for the Sale of Fiſh in Weſtminſter, and for preventing the Foreſtalling and Monopolizing of Fiſh.

The Lords of the Admiralty have given Orders for two Ships of forty Guns, and three of 20, to be immediately fitted out to cruize againſt the Algerines, under the Command of Commodore Parry.

Monday came Advice, that a rich Genoeſe Ship, bound to Pouilla, is taken by the Barbary Rovers, off Santa Maria. Two other Corſairs have taken a Venetian Ship near Novarno.

The ſame Mail mentions a great Number of Neapolitan Veſſels being taken, as well as Genoeſe, in all near twenty. The Barbary Corſairs are ſo numerous, that ſcarce a Veſſel eſcapes them that appears on the Coaſts of the Eccleſiaſtical State, or the Kingdom of Naples and Sicily.

A Barbary Rover, with a large Number of Hands on board, has been taken by one of the Pope's Gallies, and carried into Civita Vecchia.

The Anne, Butterfield, from Barbados to Carolina, foundered at Sea; but the Crew fortunately got to Turks' Iſlands, after being at Sea in the Long Boat ſeven Days.

The Taviſtock Indiaman, the Eſther, Jubber, and the Nevis Planter, Maynard, all from London, put into the Madeiras on the 12th of laſt March.

The Kent and Briſtol Men of War are ordered to be got in Readineſs for Sea.

Yeſterday 7-Night a Youth of 11 Years of Age, Son of Mr. Howard of Hampſtead, taking the Air on Hampſtead Heath, attended by a Servant, both on Horſeback, the Horſe of the former took Fright, whereby he was thrown off and killed, one of his Feet hanging in the Stirrup, ſo that he was dragged a conſiderable Way.

Monday a Houſe fell down in Plumtree-ſtreet, St. Giles's, by which Accident a Man and five Children periſhed, before any Aſſiſtance could be given them.

Monday as the Son of Mr. Rice, a Haberdaſher in the Borough, was ſwimming in the Thames, a Boat unluckily ran againſt him, and broke his Arm, on which he immediately ſunk; but on his riſing again he was taken up, and it is thought he will do well.

Within this Week paſt the following melancholly Accidents have been brought to the London Hoſpital, viz. One Jackſon, a Ticket Porter; and Morgan, a Carter, both with Fractures of the Leg, ſo that the Bone broke thro' the Skin, who are ſo extremely bad as to leave little Hopes of Recovery. Robert Stevenſco, by a Butt of Beer falling on his Leg; and Robert Buckeridge, Drayman, by a Cart running over his Leg, were both ſo miſerably torn, as to threaten the Loſs of them to each unhappy Sufferer. But we are told, that the poor Woman, who had in Deſpair cut her Windpipe with a Pair of Sciſſars, is gone out well.

Tueſday ſome Hatters playing at Skittles at a Public Houſe in Barnaby-ſtreet, a Quarrel enſued, on which one of them threw the Bowl at his Antagoniſt, and killed him on the Spot. The Fellow was immediately ſecured, and committed to the New Jail by Juſtice Hammond.

Monday Night laſt the Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on the Body of the Boy who was murdered in Whitechapel a few Days ſince by the Milkman with whom he lived, and it appearing by the Evidence, that the Maſter beat the Boy in a cruel Manner with a Spade and a Milk-Yoke, of which Wounds and Bruiſes probably he died, and the Villain immediately abſconding; the Jury brought in their Verdict, Willful Murder.

Wedneſday Joſeph Mottley, otherwiſe Dowdle, was committed to Newgate by Juſtice Fielding, for feloniouſly reſcuing a Perſon unknown, which Perſon was then in lawful Cuſtody for picking a Gentleman's Pocket of a Handkerchief. The ſaid Dowdle is ſuppoſed to have belonged to the ſame Gang with Mullins, who was lately ſentenced to two Years Impriſonment, for wounding ſeveral Soldiers, and was, when before the Juſtice, charged by a young Woman with having barbarouſly given her ſeveral Cuts with a Cutlaſs. He was guarded to Newgate by a Party of the Foot-Guards.

On Tueſday a Soldier was committed to the Gatehouſe, Weſtminſter, for uttering falſe and counterfeit Shillings, ſeveral of which were found upon him.

The ſame Night the Jury ſat on the Body of Mary Edinburgh, who died in St. George's Hoſpital of the Wounds ſhe received from her Huſband, and brought in their Verdict Willful Murder.

Monday died in St. George's Hoſpital, Mrs. Wright, whoſe Death was occaſioned by her Huſband's ſtabbing her in the Neck with a Knife, for which he was committed to the Gatehouſe.

Sunday John Gray was committed to Newgate, by Walter Berry, Eſq; charged on the Oath of Michael Murry, George Potter, David Ryan, and on his own Confeſſion, for killing his Wife. The Affair was as follows, viz. Gray having ſpent all his Wages and Prize-Money due on the Account of the Milford Man of War, meeting with his Wife at Mr. Murry's, the Noah's Ark at Shadwell-Dock, a few Days ſince, by Force took a Gold Ring from her, which he pawned, and the Money being ſpent, he wanted her Wedding-Ring for the ſame Purpoſe, which ſhe denied him. However, he got her Stays from her by Force, which being taken from him, he determined Revenge on his Wife. On Sunday Morning therefore, being at Breakfaſt, he, under Pretence of giving her a Kiſs, cut her Head three Parts off, with the Knife he was then uſing. He then attempted to ſtab Mr. Murry, and was knocked down twice before he was ſecured.

Tueſday James Harris, a notorious Smuggler, was brought to Town from Shoreham in Suſſex.

Wedneſday as Mr. Maſon, an Attorney in Holborn, was attacked by two Fellows in a Field near Pancraſs, who robbed him of his Watch, and about Four Pounds in Money.

By Letters from Royſton in the County of Hertford, we have Advice, that they have lately had ſo great Rains, that ſeveral Places in that Neighbourhood have been entirely under Water for ſeveral Days, by which many Sheep and black Cattle have been drowned.

By Letters from Northampton we have an Account, that a Farmer in that Neighbourhood had upwards of 50 Sheep killed by Lightning and Thunder, in a Storm which happened there a few Days ſince.

They write from Dunkirk, that the Fortifications of that Place towards the Sea are to be demoliſhed immediately, an Engliſh Engineer being arrived to examine the Works, and ſee it executed.

The ſame Letters add, that the laying the new Duty of 30 Sols per Pound on all Tobacco imported to Dunkirk, and 10 per Cent. on all that ſhall be exported, has determined ſeveral of the wealthieſt Traders to leave the Town, and occaſioned a general Conſternation in the Place.

Some private Letters from Bruſſels ſay, that ſeveral Letters de Catchet are come from Vienna, for exiling certain Perſons who gave public Marks of Diſaffection to the Government during the late Troubles; and that it is not improbable but that there are others who will ſhare the ſame Fate.

We learn from Dreſden, that the Courlanders have deferred the Election of their new Duke, for ſome Time.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Oxford, May 22. Laſt Tueſday Valentine Wyatt, of Atterbury in this County, was committed to the Caſtle Jail here, on a violent Suſpicion of having murdered his Wife.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, May 18. A Letter from Ireland gives a melancholy Piece of News, viz. that Lieut. Tucker, of Lieutenant-Gen. Blakeney's Regiment, broke into the Apartment of Lieut. Weeks of the ſame Regiment (lying in Athlone) and murdered him, by giving him three Stabs in the Belly, Breaſt and Throat, with a Claſp-Knife. The Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on the Body, and brought in their Verdict Wilful Murder, on which Mr. Tucker was committed to Roſcommon Jail.

They write from Aberdeen, that Lord Ancram's Regiment lying there is ſoon to be ſucceeded by Guiſe's.

IRELAND.

Dublin, May 16. Laſt Saturday Night died ſuddenly at his Houſe in Great Britain Street much lamented, the Right Hon. James Butler, Viſcount Mountgarret: He is ſucceeded in Honour and Eſtate by his Brother the Hon. Edmond Butler, Eſq; now Lord Viſcount Mountgarret.

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